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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office action of 01/31/2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 4, lines 18-23, amend the paragraph to read as follows:

--Fig. 2 is a block diagram of an exemplary optical mesh network 130 having a set of communication nodes having even-numbered reference numerals within the range 200-218 (hereinafter collectively referred to as nodes 200-218) interconnected through a series of transmission lines having even-numbered reference numerals within the range 250-272 (hereinafter collectively referred to as transmission lines 250-272). While Fig. 2 depicts an optical mesh network with ten nodes 200-218, it should be appreciated that the size of a mesh network is not important and mesh networks of any size can be used without departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention.--

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